would be difficult to indicate the projects which will be taken up for execution during 1994-95.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Suggestion of World Bank to Decrease Subsidy to Power Sector

2805. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA:
SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that World Bank has suggested India to drastically cut down subsidies in the power sector if it wanted more aid from its multilateral agencies for future projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (c) During periodical discussions with the World Bank, the Bank has suggested measures to improve the financial health of the power sector in India. These, inter-alia, include rationalisation of tariff structure of SEBs. The Central Government has also been concerned about this issue. This issue has also been discussed at various fora including the State Power Ministers' Conference.

Private Investment in Power Sector

2806. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of offers and investment in Indian rupees received for setting up of private power plants as on 30th June, 1994;

(b) how many of them are by foreign companies and NRI's

(c) whether these private companies propose to import machinery for power plants;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what are the details of other tie-up arrangements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) As on 30th June, 1994 interest has been expressed by private investors in putting up 75 power projects involving an investment of Rs. 1,04,152 crores.

(b) 35 of the above proposals are from foreign investors (including NRI and joint ventures proposals).

(c) to (e) The responsibility for procuring power plant equipment and choice of source from where the equipment is to be procured lies with the private power company.

Boilers in Power Plants

2807. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what types and designs of boiler are being used in our high capacity power plants;

(b) whether it is a fact that the conventional boilers can be used in power plants of even upto 250 MW or more; if so, under Indian conditions upto what MW power plants these are being used, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that fluidized bed combustion boiler in which inferior variety of coal can be used, has some limitations and can be used only for upto 70 MW power plants; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the manner in which these could be overcome?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) In India, the high capacity power plants are presently with unit rating of 210 MW, 250 MW and 500 MW size. For these coal fired units, conventional design of pulverised coal fired boilers are used. These are natural/assisted circulaters, Drum type designs. Some of the plants